

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A print control apparatus for generating print data for a print device having a plurality of print description modes, comprising:

user interface means for causing a user to set a print setting item;

first decision means for deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with ~~an~~ the print setting item set via said user interface means; ~~and~~

second decision means for deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with contents of print data to be printed; and

generation means for generating print data to be printed by the print device in the print description mode decided by said first decision means or said second decision means.

wherein a decision process of said second decision means is not performed when said first decision means does decide one print description mode, and the decision process of said second decision means is performed when said first decision means does not decide one print description mode.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising transmission means for transmitting the print data generated by said generation means to the print device.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein

prior to decision of a print description mode by said first and second decision means, said user interface means causes the user to select one of the plurality of print description modes or an automatic mode in which one of the plurality of print description modes is automatically decided, and

said first and second decision means decide one print description mode when the automatic mode is selected.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the item set via said user interface means includes an adjustment item for adjusting quality of an image to be printed.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the item set via said user interface means includes an edit item for editing an image to be printed.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the plurality of print description modes include an image mode in which the print device receives and prints image data, and

when the adjustment item is set via said user interface means, said first decision means decides the image mode as a print description mode.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of print description modes include a ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode in which the print device receives a page description instruction, generates an image, and prints the image, and

when the edit item is set via said user interface means, said first decision means decides the ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode as a print description mode.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein said second decision means calculates data amounts of print data to be transmitted to the print device in the ~~respective an~~ image and ~~PDL modes~~ a Page Description Language mode, in which the print device receives a page description instruction and prints the image, and decides a mode exhibiting a small data amount as a print description mode.

10. (Currently Amended) A print control method of printing data by a print device having a plurality of print description modes, comprising:

a first decision step of deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with a print setting item and value set by a user; and

a second decision step of deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with contents of print data to be printed; and

a transmission step of transmitting print data to the print device in the print description mode decided in the first decision step,

wherein said second decision step is not performed when said first decision step does decide one print description mode, and said second decision step is performed when said first decision step does not decide one print description mode.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to [[11]] 10, wherein in the first and second decision steps, a print description mode is decided when an automatic mode in which one of the plurality of print description modes is automatically decided is selected.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of print description modes include an image mode in which the print device receives and prints image data, and when an adjustment item for adjusting image quality is set, the image mode is decided as a print description mode in the first decision step.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of print description modes include a ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode in which the print device receives a page description instruction, generates an image, and prints the image, and when an edit item for editing an image is set, the ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode is set as a print description mode in the first decision step.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, wherein in the second decision step, data amounts of print data to be transmitted to the print device in ~~the respective an image and PDL modes~~ a Page Description Language mode, in which the print device receives a page description instruction and prints the image, are calculated, and a mode exhibiting a small data amount is decided as a print description mode.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium which stores a computer program for generating print data for a print device having a plurality of print description modes, the program comprising:

a user interface step of causing a user to set a print setting item;

a first decision step of deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with ~~an~~ the print setting item set in the user interface step; and

a second decision step of deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with contents of print data to be printed; and

a generation step of generating print data to be printed by the print device in the print description mode decided in the first decision step,

wherein said second decision step is not performed when said first decision step does decide one print description mode, and said second decision step is performed when said first decision means does not decide one print description mode.

17. (Original) The medium according to claim 16, wherein the storage medium comprises the transmission step of transmitting the print data generated in the generation step to the print device.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The medium according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 16, wherein

in the user interface step, the user is caused to select one of the plurality of print description modes or an automatic mode in which one of the plurality of print description modes is automatically decided, prior to decision of a print description mode in the first and second decision steps, and

in the first and second decision steps, one print description mode is decided when the automatic mode is selected.

20. (Original) The medium according to claim 16, wherein the item set in the user interface step includes an adjustment item for adjusting quality of an image to be printed.

21. (Original) The medium according to claim 16, wherein the item set in the user interface step includes an edit item for editing an image to be printed.

22. (Currently Amended) The medium according to claim 20, wherein the plurality of print description modes include an image mode in which the print device receives and prints image data, and when the adjustment item is set in the user interface step, the image mode is decided as a print description mode in the first decision step.

23. (Currently Amended) The medium according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of print description modes include a ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode in which the print device receives a page description instruction, generates an image, and prints the image, and when the edit item is set in the user interface step, the ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode is decided as a print description mode in the first decision step.

24. (Currently Amended) The medium according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 16, wherein in the second decision step, data amounts of print data to be transmitted to the print device in ~~the respective~~ an image and PDL modes a Page Description Language mode, in which the print device receives a page description instruction and prints the image, modes are calculated, and a mode exhibiting a small data amount is decided as a print description mode.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer program executed by a host computer for generating print data for a print device having a plurality of print description modes, comprising:

a user interface step of causing a user to set a print setting item;

a first decision step of deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with ~~an~~ the print setting item set in the user interface step; and

a second decision step of deciding one of the plurality of print description modes in accordance with contents of print data to be printed; and

a generation step of generating print data to be printed by the print device in the print description mode decided in the first decision step,

wherein said second decision step is not performed when said first decision step does decide one print description mode, and said second decision step is performed when said first decision step does not decide one print description mode.

26. (Original) The program according to claim 25, further comprising a transmission step of transmitting the print data generated in the generation step to the print device.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The program according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 25,
wherein

in the user interface step, the user is caused to select one of the plurality of print description modes or an automatic mode in which one of the plurality of print description modes is automatically decided, prior to decision of a print description mode in the first and second decision steps, and

in the first and second decision steps, one print description mode is decided when the automatic mode is selected.

29. (Original) The program according to claim 25, wherein the item set in the user interface step includes an adjustment item for adjusting quality of an image to be printed.

30. (Original) The program according to claim 25, wherein the item set in the user interface step includes an edit item for editing an image to be printed.

31. (Currently Amended) The program according to claim 29, wherein the plurality of print description modes include an image mode in which the print device receives and prints image data, and

when the adjustment item is set in the user interface step, the image mode is decided as a print description mode in the first decision step.

32. (Currently Amended) The program according to claim 30, wherein the plurality of print description modes include a ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode in which the print device receives a page description instruction, generates an image, and prints the image, and

when the edit item is set in the user interface step, the ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode is decided as a print description mode in the first decision step.

33. (Currently Amended) The program according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 25, wherein in the second decision step, data amounts of print data to be transmitted to the print device in ~~the respective an image and PDL modes~~ a Page Description Language mode, in which the print device receives a page description instruction and prints the image, are calculated, and a mode exhibiting a small data amount is decided as a print description mode.

34. (Currently Amended) A print control apparatus for generating print data for a print device having a plurality of print description modes, comprising:

a user interface for causing a user to set a print setting item; ~~and~~

a printer driver for deciding a print description mode when one print description mode can be decided based on the item set via said user interface; ~~and~~

a despooler for deciding despooling spooled print data and deciding a print description mode in accordance with contents of the print data,

wherein a decision process of said despooler is not performed when said printer driver does decide one print description mode, and the decision process of said despooler is performed when said printer driver does not decide one print description mode.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Original) The apparatus according to claim [[35]] 34, wherein said printer driver and said despooler generate print data in different print description modes.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim [[35]] 34, wherein
prior to decision of a print description mode by said printer driver and said despooler, said user interface causes the user to select one of the plurality of print description modes or an automatic mode in which a print description mode is automatically decided, and

said printer driver and said despooler decide a print description mode when the automatic mode is selected.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said user interface includes as the item set by the user an adjustment item for adjusting quality of an image to be printed, and an edit item for editing an image to be printed, and

when the adjustment item is set, said printer driver decides as a print description mode an image mode in which the print device receives and prints image data, and when the edit item is set, decides as a print description mode a ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode in which the print device receives a page description instruction and prints an image.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~[[35]]~~ 34, wherein said despooler calculates data amounts of print data to be transmitted to the print device in both an image mode in which the print device receives and prints image data and a ~~PDL~~ Page Description Language mode, in which the print device receives a page description instruction and prints an image, and decides a mode exhibiting a small data amount as a print description mode.